

The Next Stage

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Buffet Dinner at Barnhill's on Tuesday, 14th of September...Join Us!

The BIG Event

Join your Thiokol family at Barnhill's, University Drive in Huntsville, for our Fall Dinner gathering.

Social hour begins at 5:00 p.m., and dinner at 5:30, or whenever you're hungry.

Sr. discount for dinner/drink/tax/tip is \$8.63/person, which you pay as you enter the restaurant.

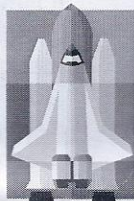
Your drink order is to go on a separate tab (~\$2.04 you don't pay). HDAA is subsidizing the beverages/tip.

Remember...it's all you can eat! So, more than one trip through the entire buffet is OK/encouraged.

Please contact Jerry Webb/256-536-9340 or Mark Locker/256-883-3016, or email at webb2248@bellsouth.net or

Mark.Locker@ATK.com with reservations. Please call no later than Tuesday, September 7th so Barnhill's can prepare appropriate space for us. *Hope we see you at Barnhill's...bring a hearty appetite...and let your conscience be your guide; but, remember...calories don't count when you're with friends...or with family...or at church...or.....!* ©

Fall Dinner: Tuesday, September 14
Barnhill's Buffet, University Dr., HSV
5:00 p.m. Social; buffet 5:30 or any time!
Cost is \$8.63/person, which includes a tip.
Call Reservations by Tuesday, Sept 7
to Jerry Webb /256-536-9340.



If you need a ride, please give Nita Boyd/
726-0215 a call, and she'll try to
arrange something for you.

*Ride with friends...
go green and save gas!*

ATK Gets Contract Awards

ATK Contract Awards noted in Aerospace News, an ATK
Aerospace Systems Publication:



Artist's rendering of F-35

•\$240M from Lockheed Martin to produce additional composite components for low rate initial production lots of the F-35 Lightning II, or Joint Strike Fighter.

•\$10M from Northrop Grumman to manufacture composite inlet ducts for the F-35. (Excerpts from May 12, 2010 issue.)

•Spacecraft Systems and Services, with five other companies, awarded \$400M to provide research and development and additional engineering services to NASA for the SMAAART contract (Structures, Materials, Aerodynamics, Aerothermodynamics, and Acoustics Research and Technology). (Excerpt from June 16, 2010 issue.)

•\$70M as one of four organizations to participate in the CRAVE program (Crew Robotic, Avionics and Vehicle Equipment) to perform the design, development, testing, manufacturing and evaluation, and sustaining engineering of a variety of space system designs and prototypes. The ATK team will certify, deliver and maintain extravehicular activity equipment, flight crew equipment, crew health and conditioning systems, extravehicular robotics equipment, environmental control and life support equipment and active thermal control system equipment. (Excerpt from August 20, 2010 issue.)

Looking for Something Fun To Do?

Looking for something that doesn't take much time, keeps you in touch with your Thiokol family, and keeps you involved with life? It may not pay a lot of money, but the benefits are tremendous! It will *truly* enrich your life, and make you wonder what took you so long to make the call to serve.

The HDAA Board is looking for volunteers to serve in a position on the Board. Your time involved? Approximately 1 hour per quarter...only 4 hours per year. Now, how hard can that be? And, you get a vote on what happens at each of our quarterly events. So, if you're tired of the same ol', same ol', now is your opportunity to make your voice heard and come up with some new and exciting things for us all to enjoy. New "blood" usually generates new ideas, and we want our HDAA events to continue to be fun and exciting.

So, put your imagination to work, get involved, and serve in a fun position on your HDAA Board! Simply call any Nominating Committee member and let them know you want to become a part of the Board. A good place to start: Ron Clements/256-883-9871, Cecil Stokes/256-881-2578, or Mark Locker/256-883-3016.

*Make that call....you won't regret it! Join the fun...
And, the meeting may even turn into a dinner out!*

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

PICNIC

If you have managed to stay cool through this extreme summer heat, you can survive *anything*! Just a little more...and it should soon be cool!

The summer picnic, however, was spectacular! Co-Chairs Ron Clements and Glenn Webb ordered up perfect weather, we had a good crowd who wanted to linger and visit with one another a while, and Lawler's BBQ was, once again, an outstanding success. Alice Clements' brownies were so good (as usual) that it was overheard some might not attend if the brownies weren't a regular part of the delicious food! Once again, remaining food was given to the Breaking Free Rescue Mission. A few pictures are shown below; but, be sure to check out MyFamily.com for more (color!) photos of picnic attendees. *Thanks*, Ron and Glenn!



Amma Barnes Faye Cooley Betsy Reep Betty Willis



Jack/Helen Hagler Misha/Jim Gasaway Ola Ann Lee

Bulletin Board

Talk of the Town

Marie and Carroll Bobb are heading back to Huntsville in early September...wonderful having them back home!

Len Caveny recently sent an email, stating what so very many felt about Dick Wall: *"Dick Wall made (an) immediate impression on me during our first meeting.....Each passing year my respect for him grew. His integrity, work ethic, strengths, and loyalty set a standard for those around him to aspire to. He taught the important aspects of real-world engineering by his own example. The anecdotes about him and quotations of him are among my many good memories. His good humor when confronted with such anecdotes and quotations is also most admirable. In my world, there are no more Dick Walls. He is missed."* Feelings felt by many. Thanks, Len. Shown below at El Palacio in October, 2007, are, L-R: Greg Drake, Len Caveny, Dick Wall, Jamie Neidert.



(Ed. Note: Thanks to Rick Wall and the entire Wall Boys' clans for keeping us all so well informed while Dick was ill. We're grateful you kept such close contact with Dick's extended Thiokol family.)

Lucy Pockrus and Millie Wallace hosted the May Ladies Lunch Bunch in Rogersville. Shown below, L-R: Oberlean Hill, Jo Tipton, Ruthy's sister, Ruthy Wilson, Lucy Pockrus. *Thanks, Lucy and Millie, for a wonderful outing!*



Retired Ladies Lunch Bunch met at Oberlean Hill's gorgeous home near Athens for their August luncheon.

Shown at right L-R: Jennifer (OB's sister), Barbara Plonka, Joyce Royston, Peggy (OB's sister), Doris Osmer, Jo Killian, Rinda Clark (Jo K's daughter), Oberlean, Jo Tipton. Kneeling L-R: Patti Wilson, Barbara Atchley, and OB's precious poodle—the star of the day! Lunch was delicious, and the camaraderie outstanding. *Thanks for a great day, OB!*



So, you see ladies, the "Lunch Bunch" has a great time at a wide assortment of locations throughout the year. If you would like to join the group, please call the specific lady hosting each month's activity at least one week prior to the luncheon date, shown below, or Joyce Royston/256-539-4338, for details:

September 1—Ruthy Wilson/256-883-9530

October 6—Patti Wilson/256-534-9702

November 3—Joyce Royston/256-539-4338

December 1—Jean Walker/256-534-6806

Hope you plan on joining our fun group — we'd love it!

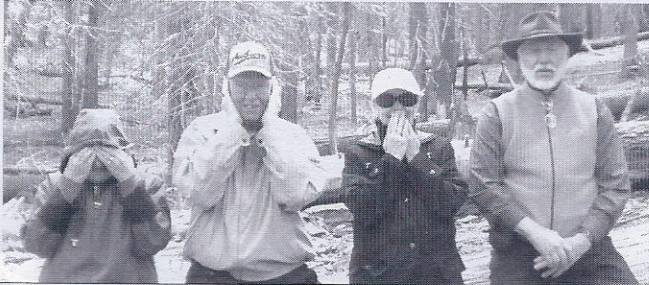
We know there are many of you out there who take trips, and the rest of us would love to live vicariously through your travels. Think about sending digital photos (and a brief description) to PattiKat2@aol.com. Or, if you prefer, send an original photo/description to 2201 Giles Drive NE, HSV, AL 35811. The original photos will be returned to you quickly. Share the many blessings in your life. Those who can't travel will truly appreciate it.

Thanks!

Please keep these folks in your thoughts and prayers: Helen Acuff, Faye Jones (recent throat surgery), Bill Stogner, Jean Walker, and, of course those who have suffered a recent loss, or others you may know who are suffering an illness.

More from our readers...

Foots/Angele McCauley and Don/Patti Wilson took a recent trip out west to visit some of our country's beautiful park areas: Lake Tahoe, Sequoia National Park, Mariposa Redwood Grove, Yosemite National Park, King's Canyon, the magnificent San Joaquin Valley, with stops in many cities in-between. There is such majesty in our country, we feel blessed to be able to enjoy it. The McCauleys and Wilsons are shown below in Yosemite National Park, promising to behave on their sojourn.....Freezing snow in the mountains, 90s in the valleys...All beautiful!
L-R: Angele, Foots, Patti, and Don, monkeying around.



*We'll be friends until we are old and senile...
Then, we'll be NEW friends!*

Heal the past, live the present, dream the future.



- Summer heat bringing those pesky ants in for water? Put small piles of cornmeal where you see ants. They eat it, take it to the nest, can't digest it, so it kills them. It may take a week or so, especially if it rains; but it works, and you don't have the worry about pets or small children being harmed! Try it.

- You tomatoes on the windowsill drawing fruit flies? Take a small plate, fill it 1/2" with apple cider vinegar and two drops of dish washing liquid. Mix well. You will find those flies drawn to the cup and gone forever!

- Most of you already clean your clothes dryer filter screen with each load of clothes. But, also check to ensure water can pour through that screen. An invisible film from fabric softener sheets can clog that screen as well!



Next Board Mtg:

(2nd Thurs each qtr)

October 14, 2010

5:00 pm, Faith

Presbyterian Church,
SE corner of
Whitesburg/Airport.

*Come see what your
Board does for you!*

Dates to Remember:

2010

Tue, 9/14: Fall Dinner

Thu, 12/2: Christmas
Party at the RSAOCC.

Details will follow
for each event
in future issues.

12/2 details soon!

...Clever ideas worth knowing...

- Store open chunks of cheese in aluminum foil. It will stay fresh much longer and stave off that mold.

- Make your scrambled eggs or omelets a tad richer by adding a couple of spoonfuls of sour cream, cream cheese, or heavy cream in while beating.

- For *really* good brownie treats, make brownies as directed. Melt Andes mints in a double boiler and pour over warm brownies. Let set and you'll have a wonderful minty frosting. OR, make brownies as directed, pouring half of the (2 family size) batter in a 13x9 pan. Place 3 large Symphony bars (containing toffee and almonds) on top of the batter. Pour remaining batter over the candy bars. Bake per package instructions. Cool thoroughly before cutting. Delicious!

- Leftover Snickers bars (*left over???*) from Halloween make a delicious dessert. Simply chop them up with a food chopper. Peel, core, slice a few apples. Place them in a baking dish and sprinkle the chopped candy bars over the apples. Bake at 350°F for 15 minutes. Serve alone or with vanilla ice cream. Delicious...and a tad healthy!

Regular events you
might want to attend...

Monthly:

1st Wed: Ladies
lunch, 11:15 am. Call
Joyce Royston/256-
539-4338 for details.

2nd Tue: Breakfast at
Mullins/Andrew
Jackson Way, 07:30.
Call Bill Russell at 256-
-650-5400 for details.

3rd Wed: Lunch at El
Palacio, 12:00. Call
Don Royston at 256-
539-4338 for details.

Come Join Us!

DEADLY Distractions

When you are driving, do you ever: Tune the radio? Eat, drink or smoke? Pick something up from the floor or between the seats? Read (yep, have actually seen this one several times) or write? Reach for the glove compartment? Talk on the cell phone? Manipulate your GPS? Clean the inside of the windshield? Argue with another passenger? Comb or brush your hair? Break up fights between kids? Put on makeup? Put on contact lenses or use eye drops? Shave? File, clip or polish your nails? If you answered yes to ANY of the above, you are driving while distracted and are at risk of an accident.

Driver inattention is a major contributor to highway

crashes. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that more than 25% of police-reported crashes involve some form of driver distraction. That's more than 1.5 million collisions a year, and more than 4,300 crashes each day!

Your first and most important job is staying aware of your environment and keeping your vehicle where it belongs. In-car navigation systems and cell phones are both potentially *serious* distractions, because you might be concentrating more on them than your driving.

(Excerpted from Alabama Living)

Be safe! We want you around a long, long time!

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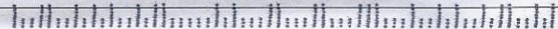
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REMINDER: **\$12** DUES FOR **2010** ARE DUE!
THE ADDRESS LABEL INDICATES IF YOU ARE
CURRENT WITH YOUR DUES. IF IT SAYS
(PD. 09, ETC.), YOU OWE DUES FOR 2010.
"PD. 10" INDICATES YOU'RE OK. THANKS!

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For Internet information:

MyFamily.com (contact Cecil for details)

*See YOU at Barnhill's on
Tuesday, September 14th!*

In Fond Memory...

We join the families in mourning the loss
of friends and prior coworkers:

- Bill Breen:** Who worked in Operations Services (Plt. Eng.) in the early years.
- Ronnie Glenn:** Worked in Manufacturing.
- Jerry Grimes:** Worked as an Operator in Production.
- Sara Magnusson:** Wife of E. J. Magnusson, who worked in Quality.
- Anna McCreary:** Wife of Wilson McCreary, who worked in Program Mgt.
- Ema Miskelly:** Mother of of Hermann Miskelly, who worked in Engineering.
- Eleanor (Murphy) Jones:** Wife of Roy Murphy, who worked in Development Section of Research and Development.
- Tom Neely:** Worked in many positions over the years: Manager of R&D/ Chemistry, Director of Operations, then retired as a Program Manager.
- Omar Nuwayhid:** Chemical Engineer in Research Section of R&D.
- George Parsons, Sr.:** Who was an Operator, and also worked in Radiography.
- Ed Schreck:** Worked in the Development Section of R&D.
- Dick Wall:** Who retired as Director of Operations.

They will be sorely missed by us all.

Our heartfelt sympathy to those who have lost other loved ones, as well.
If we have missed condolences, it's because we were unaware.

